Terrorist training camps in Pakistan

3081. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware about the recruitment to terrorist training camps at Muridke in Pakistan has risen to record levels with an aim to fight Indian Security Forces in Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) whether Centre has lodged any protest with the Pakistan Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Pakistan has so far not taken any action that would indicate a long-term oriented approach to abandoning the use of terrorism as an instrument of policy against India. Pakistan continues to support cross border terrorism through funding, training indoctrination, launch and guidance.

(b) and (c) Government have repeatedly made it clear to Pakistan that creation of conducive environment for a sustained dialogue necessarily requires an end to cross border terrorism and dismantling of the infrastructure of support to terrorism in Pakistan.

VISA free travel between India and Pakistan

†3082. SHRI MOTILAL BORA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions with regard to abolition of visa compulsion between India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government would also consider the aspect of its misuse by terrorists while taking the decision in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All aspects would be considered in case any such proposal is received.

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